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SUBJECT: LAINO CASE: PRESS CARRIES AMBASSADOR'S CLARIFICATION

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1. AFTER MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUES MORNING
JULY 17, AMBASSADOR PROVIDED PRESS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY
INFORMAL REMARKS REGARDING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE LAINO
CASE.

2. TEXT OF REMARKS, CARRIED BY NEWSPAPERS AFTERNOON
JULY 17 AND MORNING JULY 18 FOLLOWS:

"THERE IS ONE POINT I WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR UP. WHEN I
SAID YES TO A REPORTER WHO ASKED AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE
IF I WAS AWARE OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF DR. LAINO IN A FLAG-
BURNING DURING THE ROCKEFELLER VISIT, I MEANT ONLY THAT
I WAS AWARE THAT SUCH A CHARGE EXISTED. I AM UNAWARE OF
ANY EVIDENCE THAT WOULD SUPPORT THAT CHARGE.

"REGARDING THE CHARGE THAT DR. LAINO ASSOCIATED
WITH EXTREME LEFTISTS DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON I WANT
TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF
WOLA ARE MEN AND WOMEN COMMITTED TO DEMOCRATIC
PRINCIPLES WHO CAN BE CONSIDERED AS "EXTREME LEFTISTS"
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ONLY BY THOSE ON THE EXTREME RIGHT. HERE I SPECIFICALLY
INCLUDE THE NUN, JO MARIE GRIESGRABER.

"LET ME BE MORE PRECISE AS I DISLIKE VAGUE TERMS.
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO INFORMATION TO
INDICATE THAT DR. LAINO HAS ANY RECORD OF ANY CONNECTION
WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

"I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT DR. LAINO'S OPINIONS ON
U.S. ASSISTANCE TO PARAGUAY HAD NO EFFECT WHATSOEVER
ON MY DELIBERATIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
THE RENEWAL OF MILITARY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN VIEW OF THE MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN
PARAGUAY'S RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS."
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